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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDERSEC AL-ALAWI DREW ME ASIDE AT JULY 23 RECEPTION TO PASS ALONG MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER ZAWAWI IN LONDON. SUBSTANCE IS THAT ZAWAWI EXPECTS BE IN U.S. DURING AUGUST AND WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON YOU IN WASHINGTON EITHER AUGUST 9 OR 10. HE HOPES THIS CONVENIENT AND THAT YOU WILL SET A TIME FOOD FOR YOU ON EITHER DAY.

2. ALAWI SAID HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS ZAWAWI WANTS TO DISCUSS. SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY PASS YOUR RESPONSE TO ZAWAWI, WHO WILL BE IN LONDON JULY 30 AND 31, BUT WHO MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO REACH BEFORE THAT. ALAWI ADDED HE DOES NOT EXPECT ZAWAWI BACK IN OMAN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

3. COMMENT: I MAY BE ABLE TO SHED SOME LIGHT ON AWAWI'S INTENTIONS AFTER MY MEETING WITH SULTAN QABOOS. WHICH NOW SET FOR SALALAH JULY 25. (IN THIS CONNECTION, HAVE JUST RECEIVED STATE 183422.) AS I EXPECT REMAIN SALALAH UNTIL JULY 27, MY REPORT ON CONVERSATION THERE PROBABLY WILL NOT REACH DEPT UNTIL FOLLOWING DAY.

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